

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
August Annual Meeting
Ida Township Hall
August 27, 2016

President Dick Sudmeier called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda

Jim Conn made the motion to approve the agenda. Dan Berke seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report

Andy Lopez made the motion to approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2016 meeting as read by Secretary Barb Kilgore. Don Erstad seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Peterson gave the Treasurer's report. He reported a balance of overall total assets of \$88,977.68 and a membership total of 369 as of August 24, 2016. Suzanne Sudmeier made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Glenn Van Amber seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ditch 23

Dick Sudmeier reported that Leon Bresley did some research and found out that Ditch 23 was originally dug in 1923 and the Lake Charlie dam was put in in 1937. Oakridge pond was put in to filter out the sediment coming into Lake Ida from the ditch. The pond is now fill with sediment and is no longer doing its job. In fact the water coming out of the pond has more phosphorous coming out of it than is being put in by the farm land. It turns out that Douglas County isn't doing anything about the pond because the grant that was applied for in 2015 was turned down and that money was needed to do a feasibility study. Another grant has been submitted for 2016. We won't know until later this year if it is approved. If it is not approved we will be on our own.

District 8 Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen said that there is state money for this type of project and he will monitor this grant and do whatever he can to help get it approved. The County Commissioner, Jim Stratton, also committed to write a letter in support of the grant.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

Douglas County Land & Resources is handling the monitoring at our public accesses this year. ILA paid to have extra hours for monitoring the lake accesses.

Manure Management Project.

The project that we committed money to last year has been completed. The farmer put in a cement slab to store manure on throughout the winter, so that it doesn't leach into the ground. The manure will then be put on the fields in the spring as fertilizer. The ILA approved helping to pay for the study needed for the project to help out the farmer with the cost. Some of the Directors will be going on tour of the farm to review the project. The amount to be paid is \$2,450.

Fish Stocking

Dick reported that we will probably stock the same amount of Walleye as we did last year. The amount received from donations and the amount needed from the ILA treasury will be determined at the September Board of Directors meeting.

Betsy Ross Road Drainage Issue.

There is an issue with drainage from tiling in farmland draining into Lake Ida by Betsy Ross Road. A holding pond is needed to help filter it out before it enters Lake Ida. The issue needs to be brought to the Douglas County Soil & Water. Jim Peterson said that the ILA has worked with the farmer before and he has been helpful.

County Local Commissioner Election

Dick Sudmeier stated that the County Commissioner election for County District 1 will be coming up in November. The League of Women's voters will have a question and answer session with the candidates in October.

Speakers.

- **Jerry Haggemiller, Douglas County Soil and Water** went over the buffer laws approved by the state legislature. He said there wasn't really anything new in the laws that were put into place in the 1980's calling for a 50 foot buffer for shore land regulation. The new law makes it so the law is enforced the same state wide. Currently they are not looking at lake shore properties, but county ditches are included. Buffer maps are available and are being updated on the DNR website.
- **Danica Mazurek, Douglas County Soil and Water** informed us that she has applied for two grants. 1.) Partners for Clean Water is a grant that helps with financial assistance for lake shore owners improve their shore lines. Anyone interested in help can call her office. 2.) Ditch 23 feasibility study grant. She said that the grant for 2015 was denied because it didn't rank high enough. She will need to keep applying for that grant if it is turned down again. We should find out if the current one is approved by the end of the year. The feasibility study needs to be conducted by an Environmental Engineer to determine what the best solution to decrease phosphorous and sediment going into the lake.

Danica said that Mae Peterhn, the Douglas County Feedlot Coordinator is aware of the problem on Betsy Ross Road and is looking into what can be done about it. Jerry Haggemiller said he will look into it too and will report back to us.

Director Elections.

The even numbered district directors were up for election this year. The following people were elected or will continue as directors in their districts:

District 2– Cecil Hauri, Janet Vandendriessche

District 12- Glenn Van Amber, Mary Saarion

District 4 - Robert Everson

District 14 – Greg Nolan, Greg Draves

District 6 – Kim Barse

District 16 – John Dahl, Cliff Drenttel

District 8 – Bud Nielson, Dorothy Shinn

District 10 – Joyce Tomasulo, Taryn Flolid

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Kilgore, Secretary